

Boulevard Planning Group
(Unapproved) MINUTES/SUMMARY, May 28, 2009
Boulevard Community Center, 39919 Highway 94/Ribbonwood

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The meeting was called to order at 7:03 PM. Members present: Darlene Koczka, Cheryl Lenz, Jeffrey McKernan, Chris Noland, and Donna Tisdale (Chair). Absent: Bill Parsons (excused) and Pat Stuart (excused).

1) MINUTES: M/S Lenz/Koczka to approve the May 7 minutes with one change on the second page, second paragraph: Planner Noland is a Professional Geologist. Passed: 5-0-0.

2) CORRESPONDENCE: None

3) NEW BUSINESS:

A. INVENERGY LLC MET TOWER APPLICATION AD 09-017: Invenergy LLC proposes to erect a meteorological mast with anemometers for gathering wind data near Tierra Del Sol Road on APN # 658-030-33-00 and 658-030-36-00. The galvanized steel tubing is approximately 8 inches diameter and guyed at six levels in four directions and stands approximately 197 feet. Wires are anchored up to 164 feet from the center. The tower is expected to be used for one to three years at which time it may be removed or an extension requested. The proposed site is reportedly accessible from existing roads. The County has asked for a recommendation on this project. Invenergy's project contact person, Brit Coupens was in the audience and indicated that he did not have a presentation to make but would be available to answer any questions and asked for the Planning Group's support. The absentee landowner, Joseph Norton, was not present. Planner Lenz asked for the exact location of this project and Coupens indicated it was west of Tierra Del Sol and south of the White Star Cal Fire Station. Planner McKernan asked if this is the first step towards an industrial wind turbine on this property and Coupens responded that that was correct. Planner Koczka asked how a commercial wind turbine would be possible on residential zone property. Planner Noland asked about residential setback guidelines from the County and how far is the proposed MET tower from the nearest residence. The Plot Map supplied by County shows that there are residences fairly close. Chair Tisdale advised that the current setback requirement is limited to 80 feet; however, the Board of Supervisors voted to find funding to change the County ordinance to have it two-tier. One for residential turbines and one for industrial turbines. They are supposed to hold public hearings on this in the future. The Chair read a proposed draft letter on this MET tower application that she had prepared for the consideration of the Planning Group. Planner Noland asked that we add military to those impacted and to be notified. Planner Lenz asked Invenergy representative Coupens how they plan to move the energy that an industrial wind turbine would produce in this residential area, would the existing power lines accommodate the added load or would new lines be needed. Coupens said it was too early in the process to discuss this. An audience member notified Coupens that the road that is on the proposed property is not an easement road - that it is a privately owned road not attached to the proposed property. Another audience member asked if there would be lights on this tower. The Chair advised that the FAA does not require a tower under 200 feet to have one. However, Invenergy has offered to do some kind of light that would be visible to night vision goggles for the Border Patrol.

For the record, Coupens questioned the fact that the Chair had drafted a letter on this issue, in advance of the meeting, for the Group to review. He seemed to think this was unacceptable. The draft letter was completed just prior to the meeting. It was based on previous actions and positions taken by the Group. The draft was presented to the Group

and the Public at the meeting and was reviewed and approved line by line with public participation. Only a few changes and additions were made to the draft prior to approval by the Group.

M/S Lenz/McKernan to formally request that the County hold a public hearing in Boulevard this application and that we mail the draft letter with the addition "and military" under Impacts and add "notice to formally notify Border Patrol, Cal Fire, and military installations of this application". Passed: 5-0-0.

4. OLD BUSINESS:

A. Boulevard Community Center/Fire Station: Boulevard resident Tammy Daubach thanked Planner Lenz for getting this process going and shared that she had recently attended Supervisor Dianne Jacob's Revitalization Committee meeting where there were several projects listed that are needed for Boulevard. Some of the projects have been completed however, many more are in the pipeline. Supervisor Jacob asked Daubach to make a plan of what is needed and submit it to her. Daubach presented the extensive list that she has compiled, which among other items, included a new community park and community center, housing for our fire fighters, a commercially equipped kitchen and more. Many of the projects have volunteers available to work on them.

M/S Tisdale/Noland that an Ad Hoc Revitalization Committee be formed with a Boulevard resident Tammy Daubach and Planner Lenz as liaison on this committee to continue this worthwhile process and that a letter of support be written by the Group secretary to Supervisor Dianne Jacob. PASSED: 5-0-0.

B. Boulevard's Draft Community Plan: The Chair reported that she and Planner Lenz had with County staff on April 21st to discuss the changes that they had made to our Draft Community Plan that had previously been submitted to them. The report under discussion tonight has the corrections/additions to the Plan that were discussed. The edits to our Plan were gone over and approved line by line by consensus; therefore no actual vote was necessary. (Plan is attached)

5) PRESENTATION FROM THE FLOOR ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS: None

6) ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 PM. Minutes submitted by Cheryl Lenz Secretary.

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